

Dear Sir or Madam: I am writing to protest in the strongest possible manner Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Thus, it is unacceptable for Sinclair to use the power granted to them by the FCC in a blatant attempt to effect the presidential elections. When large companies such as Sinclair control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. In essence, Sinclair is functioning as a branch of the Bush campaign.

The FCC not only has the power to stop Sinclair from a potentially devastating attack on democracy--it has an obligation to the American form of government. Too often recently, the FCC has given the appearance of being "in bed" with the media conglomerates. This is an opportunity for the FCC to live up to the privilege and obligation of its position.

Thank you.

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